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MONTEREY CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN CETACEAN SOCIETY
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HAPPY NEW YEAR! AND HAPPY WHALE WATCHING
ON LAND AS WELL AS AT SEA!!!

Saluting our January visitors, the GRAY WHALES our ACS CHAPTER is holding an exciting FIRST ANNUAL WHALE ART SHOW at the BRUISED REED GALLERY, 375 Alvarado Street, Monterey starting Sat. Jan. 10 with a reception from 7 to 10 p.m. The show will continue through Feb. 5. Gallery hours are Sun.-Thurs. 11 a.m. - 9 p.m., Fri. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Saturday.

Seven outstanding marine sculptors and artists are featured in the show. The sculptors are Larry Foster, renown artist as well whose works are in the Smithsonian Institute, Bill Hunt West Coast metal sculptor and marine biologist, and our chapter president, Randy Puckett, who carves beautiful and accurate whales, large and small, of redwood.

The artists are Richard Ellis, well known painter and writer of whales whose latest work is "Book of Whales" available through our chapter's sales committee, Peter Folkens, pointillist artist of modern and extinct cetacea, George Sumner noted for his oil paintings of whales, especially the humpbacks, and water colorist David Scott Meier, who has turned his talents to whale pictures especially for this show.

Both the gallery and the artist group are donating part of the proceeds of the show to our Monterey Bay Chapter of ACS.

DO COME AND BRING FRIENDS !!!

PACIFIC GROVE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, too, notes the January passing of gray whales along our shores with two remarkable exhibits. One getting a good deal of attention is the life-size replica of a whale outside the museum. Inside are three dimensional displays and an exhibit of large photographs of the whales.

The 45 ft. sculpture outside is by Larry Foster, noted cetacean artist, whose paintings, as noted, are in the whale art exhibit at the Bruised Reed Gallery.

Bring your camera to take pictures of this cetacean noting its size and stream-lined shape. Posing your children with it is a direct way to introduce them to the world of sea mammals.

Photos on the inside are by Robert Fish, photographer for the Monterey Peninsula Herald, who for several years has been photographing the passing "grays" from a plane.

Dr. John Oliver has put together, in the museum a visual display of krill and the like to explain the feeding habits of the gray whales which he has studied in the whales' Arctic Ocean feeding grounds. Dr. Oliver is affiliated with the Moss Landing Marine Laboratory.



Co-chairmen of our Conservation Committee are: Dr. Tom Williams and Esta Lee Albright. Heading our Sales Committee is Jacqueline Colbert.



Our chapter will be host to the ACS National Board members, who will hold their first meeting of 1981 on Saturday, Jan. 17, at the Tea House, Olympia West, 1140 Monarch lane, Pacific Grove.

Since board members and National Delegates from other chapters will be arriving Friday evening, Jan. 16, our chapter is planning a social get-together then at the Tea House 7:30 - 9:30p.m. This will be a congenial way for us to get acquainted with each other as well as with National board members and delegates. Wine and punch will be provided from our funds and those who wish to attend, if possible, are asked to bring finger-food for ten people. If you have not signed up already for this event please call Alison Tomlin evenings, 375-8601.

For Saturday evening, Jan. 17, we have planned a no-host dinner at the Naval Postgraduate School for our visitors and our chapter members. The dinner will be a buffet of shrimp and roast beef, salad bar, vegetable, potatoes, bread, butter, and a beverage. Cost \$8.95, payable at door of the School's main dining room. If you have not signed up for this please call Mary Rodriguez, 375-5931, as we would like to know in advance how large a table to reserve.

Boat chairman, Esta Lee Albright is taking names and money for those who plan to go on boat trip, Sunday, Jan. 18, 8:30 to 11 a.m. Members \$12.50, non-members \$15. Phone 375-1658 evenings.



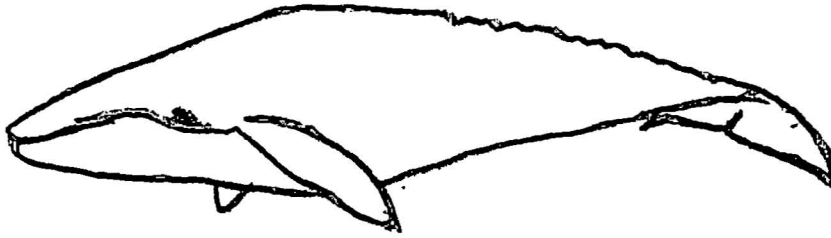
The winning raffle ticket for the ACS National sponsored luxury cruise to San Ignacio Lagoon, Baja, to watch the grays mating and birthing will be drawn Jan. 17, so there is still time to purchase a ticket for \$1 from Alison Tomlin or Dr. Tom Williams.



The Artisans Give Thanks to the Animals
Craft Show, one of the best of its kind, was a great success and raised \$2500 for our chapter's treasury. Gifts of appreciation were given to Ann Berthoin, the show's coordinator and to Carol Fulton, who was responsible for our sharing a percentage of the proceeds with Friends of the Sea Otter. Letters of appreciation and donations of \$100 were made to both the director of the Hopkins Marine Station for the use of their auditorium, The Monterey Boat Works for our meetings and to the Monterey Bay Aquarium for the use of their copy machine in printing these newsletters, SOUNDINGS.

Since our chapter had no advance notice that the American Cetacean Society-produced PBS film THE WHALES THAT WOULDN'T DIE would be shown on station KQED Channel 9 many missed it. As soon as we receive word when the film will be shown next chapter members will be notified.

On Wednesday, Jan. 28 at 8:25 p.m.
KQED's science reporter, Bill Skane, will present a profile of Dr. Sylvia Earle, world-renowned marine biologist, deep-sea diver, and California Academy of Sciences curator.



A SPECIAL WHALE WATCHING PROGRAM at Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park on the Big Sur Coast 35 miles south of Carmel is being held each Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. Those wishing to participate should assemble in the parking lot of the park and park officials recommend bringing binoculars.



GRAY WHALE AND SEA OTTER STUDIES by Judson Vandevere, biology instructor Monterey Peninsula College, staff researcher, Friends of the Sea Otter and board member, Monterey Bay Chapter of the American Cetacean Society will be held Sat. Jan. 24 and Sun. Jan. 25, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at MPC Room A-9. Vandevere will define behavior and ecology of both whale and sea otter on Saturday. Sunday there will be an all-day cruise along the shore and in Monterey Bay to observe grays and otters as well as the offshore and the along-shore birds and other animal life of the area. Studies will earn a college credit. Fee is \$55 includes boat trip and materials. If interested call 429-2761. Enrollment limited.

The American Cetacean Society, a non-profit organization, has a three-fold aim: Conservation, Education and Involvement with matters aquatic. While concerning ourselves primarily with marine mammals, especially whales, dolphins and porpoises, we recognize the interdependence of all marine life . . . and take concerted action to protect and enjoy it.

ACS was founded in 1967 to gather information on and aid in the protection of marine mammals, with special focus on *cetacea*, which is the scientific name for the order that includes whales, dolphins and porpoises.

(Please write in the name of the Chapter which you wish to join, and check the appropriate sentences.)

- ☐ I wish to become a member of the _____ Chapter of the American Cetacean Society.
- ☐ I am interested in starting an ACS Chapter in my area. Please send me information.
- ☐ My check for annual membership is enclosed (Please circle one of the following:) Family—\$20; Single or Institutional, \$15; Full-time Student, \$10; Senior Citizen, \$10. Foreign subscribers please add \$3.00 to all categories.
- ☐ I wish to become a Lifetime Member, and receive the Richard Ellis "Gray Whales" print.
- ☐ My check for \$500 is enclosed.
- ☐ I wish to pay in 3 annual installments of \$200, \$150 and \$150. My check for \$200 is enclosed.
- ☐ I wish to contribute \$_____ to help support The American Cetacean Society. My check is enclosed. (All contributions will go into the National treasury unless the check is written to and sent to a specific Chapter.)

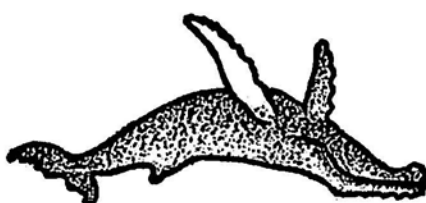
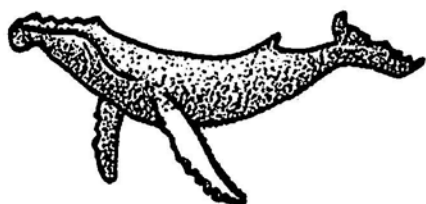
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OUR NEXT MEETING
FEBRUARY 26
THURSDAY, 7:30 p.m.
MONTEREY BOAT WORKS
HOPKINS MARINE STATION

The evening will begin sociably with coffee and cookies - then we will have what promises to be a most interesting program.

MILOS RADA KOVICH will give an illustrated presentation on the evolution and structure of whales and other mammals.

Milos was born in Beograd, Yugoslavia in 1949 and emigrated with his family to San Francisco in 1960. He attended San Francisco State University earning a B.A. degree in Vertebrate Marine Biology. He transferred to the State Marine Laboratory in 1971 at Moss Landing, doing graduate studies on the Adaptive Physiology of Marine Mammals, Monterey Bay Marine Fauna, and strong emphasis on development, utilization, and teaching of underwater research techniques, followed by additional studies through UCSC Hopkins Marine Station, and SRI's Biosonar Laboratory in Fremont.

Milos taught part-time at Brawley's Professional Diving Instructors College in Monterey for five years and since 1975 has been a volunteer instructor for the Monterey Lyceum and the Toro School for the Deaf taking groups of children (6-12 yrs) tidepooling and on nature walks. He also has taught adult courses on local marine animals and tidepool ecology through recreation departments and the University of Man at MPC.

BABY-SITTING A 3000-POUND ELEPHANT SEAL

(A report by Esta Lee Albright, co-chairman with Dr. Tom Williams of the Conservation Committee of our ACS Chapter.)

"The young male elephant seal presumably from Ano Nuevo Point breeding colony, north of Santa Cruz, that beached himself on Spanish Bay beach last month gave several ACS members a rare, prolonged view of a remarkable marine animal. During its waking moments when it reared up it sounded like a cross between an outboard motor starting up and a carpenter pounding on an empty keg.

"A surfer saw the seal haul on the beach Friday morning, Jan.23. By mid-day it was high on the dunes and in full view from 17-Mile Drive. A local observer, Ed Yearling, photographed the sleeping seal and the Monterey Peninsula Herald printed the picture.

"It soon became the seal's need for sleep versus the public's curiosity. Alan Baldrige, ACS board member, saw the animal Saturday morning and pronounced it sound but sleepy, advising constant vigilance by volunteers to hold back dogs, children, unobservant hikers, joggers, and anyone else who wanted to be closer than the legal limit of 30-feet as set by the Marine Mammal Protection Act. Besides the seal's need for rest there was the matter of potential danger from the animal's unpredictable temper.

"The next day Dr. R.L. Branson, Mary Rodriguez and Carroll Patterson, all ACS members, took turns staying on the beach providing information to the public and protection for the seal.

"Sunday, I stayed during the morning when a class of 10-year olds from Tahoe and a busload of tourists were among the curious. Mary Rodriguez, then I, and finally Dan and Jeanette Griego finished the Sunday watch.

"The Griegos saw the seal move to Asilomar Beach and alerted the ranger station but with the rains the crowd decreased Monday.

CHARACTERISTICS OF A NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ELEPHANT SEAL



The trunk serves as a resonance chamber for issuing a challenge.



Two flippers form the elephant seal's hind limbs.

" TV Channel 8 shot footage of the seal shown on two evening programs. Alan Baldrige gave a recorded narration emphasizing respect for the seal but unfortunately this talk was edited and shortened. Had the good weather continued the seal might have had a more difficult sojourn on our shores."

WE NEED TO KNOW MORE MEMBERS WHO WILL 'SIT' WITH AN ANIMAL IN SUCH TROUBLE. A PAPER WILL BE PASSED AROUND AT THE NEXT MEETING FOR SUCH NAMES AND PHONE NUMBERS.

Our chapter is planning another whale-observing boat trip in March and a sign-up paper will be passed around for it, also.

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NEXT MEETING

MARCH 26

THURSDAY, 7:30 p.m.

MONTEREY BOAT WORKS

HOPKINS MARINE STATION

JUDSON E. VANDEVERE, a board member of our Monterey Bay Chapter of ACS, and whose name is a household word on the Peninsula because of his work as a naturalist and his annual interesting otter-watching trips in Monterey Bay will be our March speaker on the subject near and dear to his heart, SEA OTTERS AND OTHER MARINE MAMMALS OFF THE MONTEREY COAST.

Vandevere as you may remember assisted Jacques Cousteau as scientific advisor in making the Emmy Award-winning TV PROGRAM, THE UNSINKABLE SEA OTTER, recently shown again on Channel 9. He received a B.A. degree from San Francisco State College and has done graduate work at Hopkins Marine Station, the University of Southern California, and University of California at San Jose, Berkeley, and Santa Cruz to name a few. He was the recipient of the Golden Bear Award in 1979 for outstanding conservation work and is and has been an invaluable member of the board of "Friends of the Sea Otter." He has held offices on the boards of the Sierra Club - Ventana Chapter and the Monterey Peninsula Audubon local chapter and has been on the Point Lobos Advisory Commission. Judson is also a naturalist leader for The Lyceum and is a trustee of the Nature Conservation Chapter of Northern California.

We may have omitted a few more credits but Judson is the modest sort and will forgive us we're sure. The main thing is ---he is an authority on his subject of SEA OTTERS.

WHALE WATCHING BOAT TRIPS are part of our chapter's education program. They are open to the public with ACS members getting a discount. Tho the grays are gone now there are still many other interesting sea mammals in our waters, the minke whale, orcas, Dall and Risso Porpoises and in summer the active humpback whales and come September the blue whales linger in our waters for a short time.


Our whale watching trip aboard the Sea Wolf Sunday, March 9 was most enjoyable due to pleasant weather and enthusiastic passengers and crew. We had approximately 22 sightings of grays. Of course some were of the same whales, but what a thrill to hear that Swosh, see the blow and that huge gray mottled body surfacing. Sunday the sun caused the mist of the blows to take on rainbow hues, an added bonus!

We are working to get together a slide show on sea mammals to present to schools and clubs. We would like to borrow slides of whales and other sea mammals to make prints of and then return to owners.

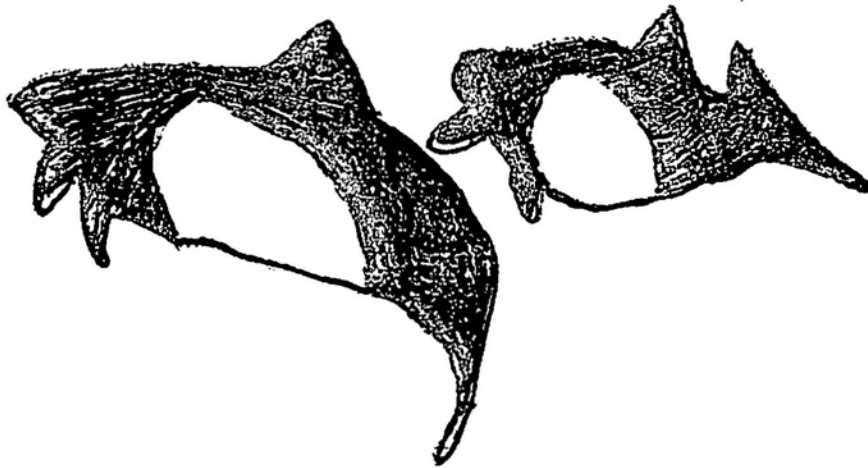
Coming in May a picnic for Monterey Bat Chapter ACS members and guests. Details later.

MUCH NEEDED: A second hand typewriter in good condition for our new Secretary, Gail Puckett.

Our sincere thanks to Linda Dungan for serving in that capacity from the time our chapter was organized and best wishes to her in completing her college degree.



THE DALL PORPOISE



The Dall porpoise, seen in waters off Monterey Bay, was named in 1885 after well-known American zoologist William Dall. This species reaches seven feet in length and weighs up to 300 pounds. It is heavyset with small eyes as well as small flippers and flukes. The Dall porpoise is black and is easily identified by the striking white markings on the upper belly which reach well up to its sides. They feed primarily on fish and squid.

This porpoise generally prefers cold waters. Small herds of two to fifteen are sometimes seen off Southern California roaming quite far offshore. The northern populations travel closer to shore and in much larger groups of up to 200.

The Dalls are known as the fastest swimmers of all cetaceans reaching speeds up to 30 knots in short bursts. Normal cruising speed is about 14 knots for the Dalls. They rarely jump entirely out of the water but instead come aggressively to the surface to breathe causing a "rooster tail" of spray which obscures their bodies from view. They are often seen riding the bow waves of swiftly moving ships.

The safety and survival of the Dall porpoise are in question because not only do the Japanese kill these fleshy mammals for food but it is known they are incidentally killed by Japanese gillnet fishing salmon in U.S. waters.

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MEETING: THURS. MAY 28
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: MONTEREY BOAT WORKS

What with the frequent strandings of sea mammals on our beach/shores the speaker for May, FRANK CIPRIANO, couldn't have chosen a better subject for his slide program: "WHAT TO DO AND WHAT NOT TO DO WITH STRANDED SEA MAMMALS."

Mr. Cipriano is a graduate student at the MOSS LANDING MARINE LABORATORY working with Plankton Research. However he has been part of a team dealing with stranded mammals the past year and has some interesting facts, and advice to give, as well as a variety of slides to show.

NOTES FROM BOAT CHAIRMAN: ESTA LEE ALBRIGHT:
"Debi Millichap, a chapter member, is arranging a BIRD AND MAMMAL BOAT TRIP, Sat. June 13, leaving SAM'S on FISHERMAN'S WHARF at 8 a.m. and returning 3 p.m. Alan Baldrige and Ted Chandik will be the commentators. Debi says it's a good time to see albatross and several species of dolphins and whales. Sighted on her first May trip were Risso's dolphins and a male orca, and she has had a report of a blue whale sighting. If you wish to go on the June trip send a check for \$21 to Debi Millichap, 362 Lee St., Santa Cruz, 95060 and enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. Debi also is planning other trips in July and August. Call Debi: 1-425-8111 or Esta Lee: 375-1658"

REPORT BY TREASURER, ALISON TOMLIN: "Our chapter has purchased a much needed slide projector and we hope we have all members' approval to buy the necessary tools to dissect dead beached sea mammals, and to give our Education Chairmen, Sheila and Alan Baldrige, a substantial check for books on sea mammals to be distributed among local schools and libraries."

CONGRATULATIONS to our member JO STALLARD, who has been elected president of the Monterey Audubon Society for 1981-82.

Joan Kennedy is in charge of forming a collection for a whale museum, which is a project of the local Junior League and requests that anyone having whaling artifacts to please call her: 625-8804.

Gratifying to read that the new 17¢ for the second ounce of first-class mail honors RACHEL CARSON, pioneer conservationist.

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MEETING: THURS. JUNE 25
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: MONTEREY BOAT WORKS

We're in for a treat as ACS Monterey Bay Chapter board member, DR. STEVEN K. WEBSTER, draws upon his extensive personal marine experiences to present the June program titled, THE NATURAL HISTORY OF A CARIBBEAN CORAL REEF, complete with color slides.

Besides being DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION at THE MONTEREY BAY AQUARIUM, Dr. Webster for the past year has been the Dive Officer at MOSS LANDING MARINE LABORATORIES.

This seems an opportune time to acquaint newcomers with the facts about MOSS LANDING MARINE LABORATORIES, which opened in 1966. It's primarily a consortium of six State universities and colleges. Offering a full array of courses in the marine sciences it serves up to 110 students each semester and operates the only major oceanographic vessel between San Diego and the Oregon coast. It is the R/V CAYUSE, which has a permanent crew of seven and is available not only to marine scientists on the West Coast but to marine scientists throughout the United States who want to study west coastal waters.

And what does CAYUSE mean? We're glad you asked. It is western jargon for "bucking bronco."

Major marine facilities established much earlier on the Monterey Peninsula proper are the oceanography department at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey and Stanford University's Hopkins Marine Station in Pacific Grove.

OUR CHAPTER HAS EMBARKED ON TWO PROJECTS IN KEEPING WITH ACS THREE-FOLD AIM: CONSERVATION, EDUCATION AND INVOLVEMENT WITH MATTERS AQUATIC.

Volunteers from our chapter, and we hope there will be more than the 15 on our present list, will be working with the SPCA, Friends of the Sea Otter, Hopkins Marine Station, and Moss Landing Marine Laboratories to aid and protect marine mammals, stranded or beach-cast on our shores, (After a brief training period.)

THE SECOND PROJECT IS TO COOPERATE WITH THE CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT AND THE FRIENDS OF THE SEA OTTER IN CHECKING BEACHES DURING THE MONTHS OF JUNE AND JULY FOR BEACH CAST (DEAD) MARINE MAMMALS AND BIRDS.

The beaches to look for the above are the mouth of the Salinas River, Fort Ord and Marina beaches and Del Monte and Sunset beaches. If possible move the mammal or bird farther ashore so it won't wash into the surf.

It is important to note the exact time and place when and where the above are found and it would be of tremendous help if they were photographed. Phone as soon as possible JACK AMES, KEN BOETTCHER, or FRANK HENRY of FISH AND GAME DEPT, 6492870

The data relayed to Fish and Game WILL BE USED AS A CASE AGAINST THE EXTENSIVE PRESENT USE OF MONOFILAMENT GILL NETS UP TO A MILE AND A HALF LONG SET CLOSE TO OUR SHORES.

Joggers, hikers, and beach-strollers we will appreciate your help!

THE MONTEREY WHALING MUSEUM sponsored by THE JUNIOR LEAGUE is moving right along due to hard physical labor on the part of League members, which we witnessed when we attended the "open house" at the Old Whaling Station and The First Brick House compound. Randy Puckett, our chapter president, donated pieces of whale bone to the League and JOAN KENNEDY in charge of collecting such artifacts can be reached at 624-8804 not at 625 as previously printed.

And speaking of RANDY PUCKETT, who is a whale carver, his spectacular first works in bronze are now on view at the HIGHLANDS GALLERY Highway One between Point Lobos and Highlands Inn. The gallery is managed by a chapter board member, Jacqueline Colbert.

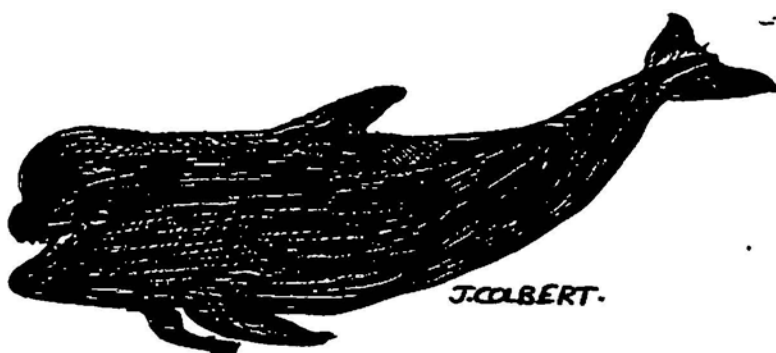
ALAN BALDRIDGE, another board member, and assistant to the director at Hopkins Marine station, where he also is librarian, delighted fellow passengers aboard THE SEA WOLF June 13 on a Bird and Mammal Watch Trip by pointing out a school of six Risso's dolphins, swimming right under the surface of the water when we were over the ocean ^{cave} opposite the marine station. We were hoping they might stay in the wake of our boat for awhile but they swam on. Sightings around Monterey of this dolphin are few. They are large reaching 13 feet in length. The ones we saw appeared smaller. They are distinguished by their entire head area being lightish and they have no beak so their profile suggests that of a pilot whale. Chapter member Debi Love Millichap arranged the Sea Wolf trip. She is such an aquatic bird-lover that she confided that she is thinking seriously of changing her name to Debi Love Shearwater.

As readers can see WE BADLY NEED A STAFF ARTIST. WANT TO HELP? PLEASE PHONE 375-5931

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MEETING: THURS. JULY 30
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: MONTEREY BOAT WORKS

Our slide program this month will give us an opportunity to learn more about PILOT WHALES as our speaker, Richard Flyer of Monterey, spent from Jan. 1 to March 1 of this year observing and studying these whales off SANTA CATALINA ISLAND and correlating their behavior with their sounds.

FLYER is a graduate of U.C. SANTA CRUZ and did the above studies with the aid of three grants from the university: Center of Coastal Marine Studies, Chancellor's Discretionary Fund, and President's Undergraduate Fellowship. He received a supplementary grant from the L.A. Chapter of ACS and will enter San Diego State College this fall to acquire a Master of Science degree in biology and bio-acoustics.

POSITIVE ACTION SUGGESTION: Mrs. Virginia Bacher, a charter chapter member from Salinas, enlightened us regarding public service television announcements to SAVE THE WHALES narrated by GREGORY PECK and JACK LORD. It is important to request KMST, Monterey to please show these. The tapes may be obtained from the Animal Welfare Institute, P.O. Box 3650, Washington, D.C. 20007.

OUR NOMINATING COMMITTEE headed by Alison Tomlin will be sending out ballots of our proposed slate of new officers:

President: Randy Puckett (incumbent)
Vice President: Milos Radakovich
Secretary: Debra Foord
Treasurer: Marilyn Schneider

BOARD MEMBERS are Alan Baldrige, Dr. Tom Williams, Steven Webster, Judson Vandervere, and Mary Rodriguez, who will be turning this newsletter over to an appointee by our president, and the duties of program director to the new vice president, but will continue to handle publicity, hospitality, and act as delegate to ACS National meetings.

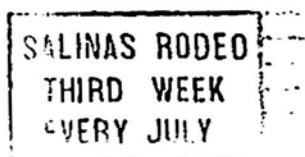
A BIG THANK YOU to ALISON TOMLIN, who helped start this chapter and who has worked so industriously as our past treasurer.

ANOTHER THANK YOU to JACQUELINE COLBERT, who nicely responded to our request for a NEWSLETTER ARTIST.

The excellent book, MARINE MAMMALS OF CALIFORNIA, a California Sea Grant, Marine Advisory Publication may be obtained free of charge from the California Fish and Game Department on Garden Road, Monterey.



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MEETING: FRIDAY, AUG. 28
Time: 7:30 P.M.
Place: Monterey Boat Works Bldg.

AUGUST PROGRAM: THE WHALES OF NOVA SCOTIA!!

Our August speaker is Tom Collins. Tom will be showing slides and speaking about the whales in the waters off Nova Scotia. He has an excellent collection of slides showing Fin Whales, Minke Whales, and Humpbacks, including a marvelous series of pictures of cooperative feeding behavior by a group of Humpback Whales herding a school of capelin (a species of small Atlantic fish) against a cliff.

Tom is a retired Naval flyer. He and his wife, Tia, first got interested in whales through the Whalewatch program sponsored by the Cabrillo Marine Museum in Los Angeles. During the past five or six years this interest has taken them on whalewatch trips to the calving lagoons in Baja, Calif. and, more recently, to Nova Scotia, where Peter Beamish runs a whalewatch program to partially support a rescue service for Humpback whales that get tangled in fishing nets. Tom has also acted as treasurer for the L.A. Chapter of A.C.S. and is currently Treasurer for A.C.S. National.

Additionally, anyone who can make it is invited to join Tom and Tia for a no-host dinner at DOMINICO'S Restaurant on Fisherman's Wharf at 7:00 P.M. Sat. Aug. 29.

STRANDING PROGRAM

The A.C.S. Stranding Program is progressing. For those who haven't heard about it before, A.C.S. is cooperating with other local organizations such as Monterey Bay Aquarium, Moss Landing Marine Labs, Friends of the Sea Otter, Monterey County S.P.C.A. Wildlife rescue Center, Hopkins Marine Station, and the Calif. Dept. of Fish and Game, to achieve a coordinated response to situations involving stranded (live) and beachcast (dead) marine mammals. Among the current projects are, a volunteer list of people who can be called upon to help with stranded and beachcast animals, a 24 hr. marine mammal telephone "Hotline" for reporting sightings, training sessions for volunteers, and a fact sheet of information about marine mammals that can be found in this area.

Training sessions for volunteers will be conducted by Gary Bogue of the S.P.C.A. Wildlife Rescue Center and will teach us how to deal with a stranded animal, how to identify it, how to deal with curious passers-by, etc. Additionally, we will be gathering equipment to be used in aiding stranded animals.

The telephone "Hotline", for reporting stranded animals, will be located at the Monterey Bay Aquarium and will begin operations when the Aquarium staff moves into the Hovenden building this Fall. During working hours the line will be manned by Aquarium persinnel and after hours the line will be transferred to Dr. Tom Williams 24 hr. emergency number. Volunteers will then be contacted to provide assistance, and the appropriate agencies notified. If you are interested in joining the Stranding volunteers but haven't signed one of the lists that Esta Lee Albright has sent out and passed around at meetings, drop a card to A.C.S. Monterey Bay telling us you want to be a volunteer and giving the days of the week and the hours that you would be available.



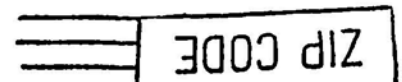
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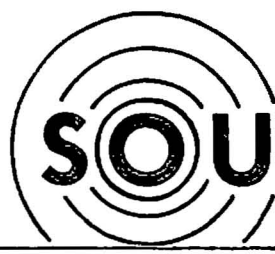


The 4th annual Artisans Give Thanks To The Animals Christmas Gift Show will be held Dec. 4, 5, and 6 at the La Playa Hotel in Carmel. This year the show is benefitting A.C.S. Monterey Bay, The Friends of the Sea Otter, and The Monterey Chapt of the Audubon Society. This show, so far, is the largest source of operating money for A.C.S. Monterey Bay, and as an organization, we all need to help make it a success. We need people to help man the Mastercharge/Visa machine, to sell raffle tickets, to put up posters, and generally to get people to come to the show and do their Christmas shopping. If you would like to help, please contact Randy Puckett, Chapt. President, or Mary Rodriguez, our publicity Director.

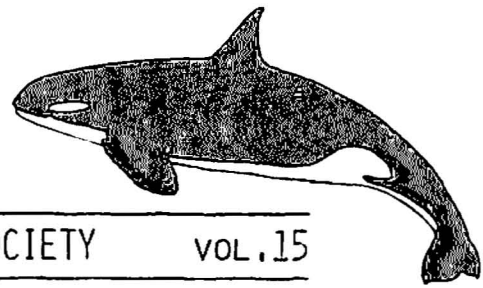


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THIS MONTH THE LAST THURSDAY FALLS ON THE 24TH, EARLIER THAN YOU MIGHT EXPECT, SO PAY ATTENTION!, DON'T LET IT SNEAK PAST YOU. WE'LL BE MEETING AT 7:30 AS USUAL, AT THE MONTEREY BOAT WORKS (HOPKINS MARINE STATION),

OUR GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE BERND WÜRSIG. THE EVENING'S PROGRAM WILL FEATURE A SLIDE PRESENTATION ON THE "MARINE MAMMALS OF PATAGONIA". NO, THAT'S NOT A FICTITIOUS COUNTRY FROM THE BOOKS OF J.R.R. TOLKIEN. PATAGONIA IS THE NAME GIVEN TO THE SOUTHERN-MOST REGION OF ARGENTINA WARMLY REFERRED TO AS A SCRUBBY ARRID PLATEAU WHERE FLOCKS OF SHEEP, HORSES, AND PENGUINS HIDE BEHIND ONE ANOTHER FROM THE CUTTING ANTARCTIC WINDS. OTHER THAN THAT, IT'S QUITE NICE.

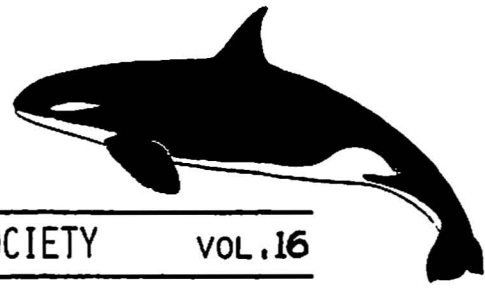
THE COASTAL REGIONS OF PATAGONIA ARE A DIFFERENT MATTER ENTIRELY. BORDERING THE BIOLOGICALLY RICH ANTARCTIC OCEAN, THE TEMPERATE SEA OFF PATAGONIA SUPPORTS A LARGE AND VARIED POPULATION OF FISH, MARINE BIRDS AND BEASTS. -'SHOULD BE QUITE A SHOW!

DR. WÜRSIG RECEIVED HIS DEGREE FROM NEW YORK STATE UNIVERSITY AT STONYBROOK, IN 1978. HE CONDUCTED HIS POST-DOCTORAL STUDIES AT U.C.S.C. UNDER THE GUIDING HAND OF THE GURU KEN NORRIS*, PRESENTLY, HE IS A FACULTY MEMBER AT THE MOSS LANDING MARINE LABORATORIES WHERE HE TEACHES COURSES ON THE NATURAL HISTORY OF MARINE BIRDS AND MAMMALS. HE ADMITS MAMMALS ARE HIS FAVORITES, STATING THAT HE FEELS BIRDS HAVE A FOWL ODOR. HE'LL BE HEARING FROM THE BIRD LOBBY ON THAT ONE!

ART SHOW! -- THE HIGHLANDS GALLERY OF SCULPTURE, LOCATED ON HIGHWAY ONE, 3 MILES SOUTH OF CARMEL (BETWEEN PT. LOBOS AND THE HIGHLANDS INN) IS CURRENTLY SHOWING "WHALE WORKS": SCULPTURES IN WOOD BY OUR PRESIDENT, (NO, NOT THAT ONE) RANDY PUCKETT, AND METAL SCULPTURES BY BILL HUNT (WHO IS NOT ANYBODY'S PRESIDENT). SHOW: 12-5 THU-MON, SEPT 13-OCT 10
BIG DEAL, YOU SAY? YOU BET! PLUS, A PERCENTAGE OF THE PROFITS (ARTIST'S AND GALLERY'S) WILL BE DONATED TO THE LOCAL A.C.S. (US)



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THE OCTOBER MEETING OF THE A.C.S. WILL BE ON THURSDAY, THE 29TH, AT 7:30 PM. THIS MONTH, THE LECTURE HALL AT THE MONTEREY BOATWORKS (HOPKINS MARINE STATION, P.G.) WILL HOST KENNETH NORRIS.

KEN IS A PROFESSOR AT U.C. SANTA CRUZ AND DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR COASTAL MARINE STUDIES. IN 1953, KEN BEGAN AS CURATOR FOR MARINELAND (LOS ANGELES) WHERE HE WAS INVOLVED IN MUCH OF THEIR EARLY STUDIES OF ECHOLOCATION IN MARINE MAMMALS. HE PUBLISHED PAPERS ON THE NATURAL HISTORY OF CALIFORNIA DOLPHINS AND AMONG HIS "FIRSTS" IS THE FIRST WHALE CAUGHT AND EXHIBITED AT MARINELAND. WHILE WORKING IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, KEN RECEIVED AN AWARD FOR HIS WORK WITH WHALES FROM THE THEN FLEDGLING AMERICAN CETACEAN SOCIETY (HE TELLS ME HE STILL DISPLAYS THE AWARD AT HOME). LATER, HE BECAME DIRECTOR OF THE OCEANIC INSTITUTE IN HAWAII, AND THEN U.C.S.C.'S FIRST DIRECTOR OF MARINE PROGRAMS, INVOLVED IN STUDYING THE SOCIAL BEHAVIOR OF SPINNER DOLPHINS.

THIS EVENING'S PRESENTATION IS BASED ON WHAT KEN CALLS THE "BIG BANG" APPROACH TO CETACEAN EVOLUTION - NO SMALL POTATOES HERE! THIS IS BIG STUFF... THE SORT OF THINGS YOU WRITE HOME ABOUT. THE NICE THING ABOUT KEN IS HE REALLY KNOWS WHEREOF HE SPEAKS, AND SPEAKS SO PEOPLE CAN UNDERSTAND.

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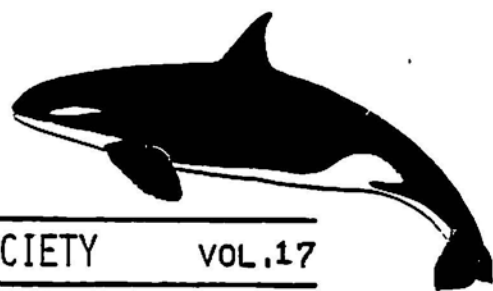
REPORTS OF MARINE MAMMAL ACTIVITY ALONG THE CENTRAL CALIFORNIA COAST, COURTESY OF ALAN BALDRIDGE OF THE HOPKINS MARINE STATION.

- ** WELL, WOULDN'T YOU KNOW IT... THE BLUES WERE EARLY THIS YEAR. NORMALLY, BLUE WHALES MAKE THEIR FIRST APPEARANCE OFF OUR COAST IN JULY AND ARE NOT UNCOMMON THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER MONTHS. THE LAST REPORTS ARE USUALLY IN SEPTEMBER. THIS YEAR, THE FIRST BLUES WERE SIGHTED IN JUNE AND WERE ALL GONE BY EARLY AUGUST;
- ** ON JULY 25TH, DEBBIE SHEARWATER SPOTTED TWO HUMPBACK MOTHER/CALF PAIRS 10 MILES OFF POINT LOBOS,
- ** ON SEPT. 14, AT 2:30 A.M., THE FISHING BOAT "MARY SYRES" RADIOED A DISTRESS CALL TO THE COAST GUARD STATING THEY WERE 30 MILES OFF BIG SUR AND UNDER ATTACK BY A WHALE. A CUTTER WAS DISPATCHED FROM MONTEREY AND WAS ABLE TO TOW THE MARY SYRES BACK TO PORT WITHOUT FURTHER INCIDENT, ALTHOUGH THE WHALE REMAINED IN PERSUIT FOR SOME DISTANCE BEFORE GIVING UP THE CHASE. FROM THE REPORT IT WAS LATER DEDUCED THAT THE "BEAST" WAS MOST LIKELY A 40-50 FT. HUMPBACK. NO LOGICAL REASON COULD BE FOUND FOR THE WHALE'S REPEATED "BUMPING" THE BOAT. IT MAY BE COMFORTING TO THINK THAT NONHUMAN ANIMALS ARE ALSO CAPABLE OF DOING DUMB AND APPARENTLY ILLOGICAL THINGS!

- ** ON AUG. 29, DEBBIE REPORTED SIGHTING 4-5 ORCAS (ONE BULL AND 3-4 COWS) JUST OUTSIDE OF MONTEREY BAY.
- ** ON SEP. 13, JIM SCARFE OF THE WHALE CENTER IN OAKLAND SPOTTED 3 ORCAS (BULL, COW & CALF) ABOUT 10 MILES OFF POINT PINOS.
- ** DOLPHIN / PORPOISE SIGHTINGS (NUMBERS APPROXIMATE):
 SEP. 10 - MIXED SCHOOLS OF 400 PACIFIC WHITE-SIDED DOLPHINS (LAG'S), 100 NORTHERN RIGHT WHALE DOLPHINS, AND A BOTTLENOSE (...IN A PEAR TREE), YES, THAT'S RIGHT; A TURSIOPS RIGHT HERE IN MONTEREY!!; AND ALAN CLAIMS TO HAVE PHOTOGRAPHS TO PROVE IT. I THINK IT WAS JUST A DALL WITH A PAINT JOB AND A RUBBER NOSE, DRESSED UP FOR HALLOWEEN. ALL THIS, 14 NM. OFF ML.
- OCT. 4 - 6 NM W/NW OF POINT PINOS: 50 RISSO'S DOLPHINS, 40 N. RT. WHALE DOLPHINS, AND 20 LAG'S.
- OCT. 11 - THE SAME AREA PRODUCED 30 RISSO'S AND 6 LAG'S.
 RESIDENT DALL PORPOISES HAVE BEEN SEEN IN VARYING NUMBERS THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD.
- ** MINKE WHALES ARE STILL AROUND... 4 SIGHTED IN THEIR USUAL SPOTS BETWEEN SOBERANTES POINT AND BIXBY CREEK (OFF ROCKY POINT RESTAURANT).
- ** NO STRANDINGS OR CARCASSES OF CETACEANS HAVE BEEN REPORTED DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS.



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BECAUSE OF THE ANTICIPATED DIFFICULTY IN RESCHEDULING THE THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS SO AS NOT TO CONFLICT WITH THE NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER ACS MEETINGS, WE HAVE ELECTED INSTEAD TO HAVE ONE MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO HOLIDAYS.

THE NOVEMBER-DECEMBER MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, DEC. 3, AT THE MONTEREY BOATWORKS BLDG. OF THE HOPKINS MARINE STATION AT 7:30 PM.

THE PROGRAM FOR THIS EVENING WILL BE PRESENTED BY DR. ROBERT SPEES OF THE LAWRENCE LIVERMORE LABORATORIES, A BENTHIC BIOLOGIST WHO HAS SPENT MANY YEARS STUDYING THE EFFECTS OF HEAVY METAL AND OIL POLLUTION ON SEABED COMMUNITIES IN AREAS OF HEAVY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND OIL PRODUCTION.

THE THEME OF THE PRESENTATION WILL BE "ECOLOGY OF OFFSHORE SEEPS" OR (MY SUGGESTION) "SPEES ON SEEPS".

DR. SPEES RECEIVED HIS PhD. IN 1971 FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (IF YOU ARE FROM UCLA, YOU KNOW IT AS "THAT OTHER SCHOOL ACROSS TOWN" AND YOU TREAT IT WITH THE RESPECT YOU WOULD ACCORD YESTERDAY'S FRIED LIVER).

FRESHLY "DOCTORED", HE SPENT THE NEXT THREE YEARS IN AUSTRALIA, INVOLVED IN AN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY OF PORT PHILIP IN THE BAY OF VICTORIA.

IN 1973, DR. SPEES RETURNED TO THE U.S. AND STARTED WORK AT THE LAWRENCE LIVERMORE LABORATORIES (L³) WHERE HE CONTINUED RESEARCH ON BENTHIC (SEA BOTTOM) ECOLOGY.

SINCE 1975, HE HAS BEEN STUDYING THE EFFECTS OF OIL SEEPAGE ON MARINE SYSTEMS. ONE OF THE STARTLING FINDINGS WAS THAT IN AREAS SUCH AS THE SANTA BARBARA CHANNEL, WHERE NATURAL OIL SEEPS HAVE BEEN OCCURRING REGULARLY FOR TENS OF THOUSANDS OF YEARS, MANY MARINE ORGANISMS HAVE ACTUALLY ADAPTED TO COPE WITH SUCH "DISASTERS". THIS IS NOT TO SAY THAT WE SHOULD ENCOURAGE FREIGHTERS AND TANKERS TO EMPTY THEIR BILGES OVER OUR CONTINENTAL SHELF OR PERMIT SLOPPY PROCEDURES BY OIL PRODUCTION FACILITIES. RATHER, IT ADDS TO OUR ABILITY TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE WORKINGS OF A HIGHLY COMPLEX LIVING SYSTEM, ONE WHICH HAS BEEN INCREASINGLY UNDER ATTACK BY MAN'S TECHNOLOGICAL BULL IN THE ECOLOGICAL CHINA SHOP.

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IT BEGINS...

JUST THE OTHER DAY, A MONTEREY FISHERMAN REPORTED SEEING A YOUNG GRAY WHALE IN THE VICINITY OF WHARF 2 IN MONTEREY.

SUNDAY, NOV.22 - SIGHTED 40-50 LAG'S (PAC. WHITE-SIDED DOLPH.) INSIDE CARMEL BAY AND TWO ISOLATED GRAY WHALES APPROX. 1 MILE OFFSHORE BETWEEN PT. LOBOS AND PT. SUR.

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DON'T MISS THE 4TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOW, DEC.4-6, AT THE LA PLAYA HOTEL, CAMINO REAL & 8TH, CARMEL. THE SHOW HOURS WILL BE 6-10PM ON FRIDAY**, 10AM-9PM ON SATURDAY, AND 10AM-5PM ON SUNDAY. **FRIDAY'S SHOW INCLUDES A WINE PREVIEW AND THERE WILL BE A \$2 CHARGE.

THE PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE FRIENDS OF THE SEA OTTER, THE MONTEREY PENINSULA AUDUBON SOCIETY AND THE MONTEREY CHAPTER OF THE CETACEAN SOCIETY.

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THE S.P.C.A. & CAL. FISH AND GAME SPONSORED MARINE MAMMAL RESCUE TEAM GOT OFF TO A SWIMMING START THIS MONTH!!

ON NOV.9 & 16, VOLUNTEERS FOR THE PROGRAM HEARD PRESENTATIONS FROM A FISH & GAME OFFICER, SPCA'S GARY BOAGE AND PAT QUINN, AND HALF OF THE PENINSULA'S DYNAMIC DUO OF VETERINARY MEDICINE, OUR OWN SUPERVET, DR. TOM WILLIAMS.

WHILE NOT EXPECTED TO GIVE MEDICAL AID TO STRANDED OR INJURED ANIMALS, MEMBERS OF THE TEAM WILL BE CHARGED WITH ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING A PROTECTIVE PERIMETER, RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS AND ACTIVITIES OF ONLOOKERS, AND AIDING OFFICIAL AND MEDICAL PERSONNEL IN PROVIDING CARE FOR THE ANIMAL. A 24-HOUR PHONE NUMBER FOR RECEIVING AND CHANNELING STRANDING REPORTS WILL BE IN EFFECT BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR IN AN EFFORT TO HASTEN RESPONSE TIME BY THE PROPER AGENCIES.

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